



April 6, 2018

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Mayor and Council
City of Grand Forks
PO Box 220
Grand Forks, BC, V0H 1H0

Dear Mayor and Council:

The BC Geographical Names Office has received a proposal to adopt "**Saddle Mountain**" as an official name for an unnamed peak east of Saddle Lake Regional Park and west of Grand Forks in Area D/Rural Grand Forks of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (see attached map). This proposal was put forward by the Regional District.

The name "Saddle Mountain" references the saddle-like shape of Saddle Lake Regional Park's valley, a natural feature of the landscape. It is interesting to note that "Saddle Lake" is the reservoir of a dam built by the Doukhobours in 1912, likely originating from the word "sedlina" meaning "saddle" in Doukhobour Russian. "Saddle Mountain" has appeared in local print sources, such as trail guides produced by the Grand Forks Community Trails Society.

This peak is within or forms a portion of the boundary of the traditional territory of several First Nations and local governments, so it is important to ascertain a) if there is a known traditional name for this feature, and b) if the proposed name reflects the heritage values in the area.

Before considering adoption of "Saddle Mountain," may I have your advice and comments? In particular as the feature is near to the City of Grand Forks, is there a reason why this name should not be suitable names for this feature?

Adoption of this name does not prejudice legitimate claims to the land.

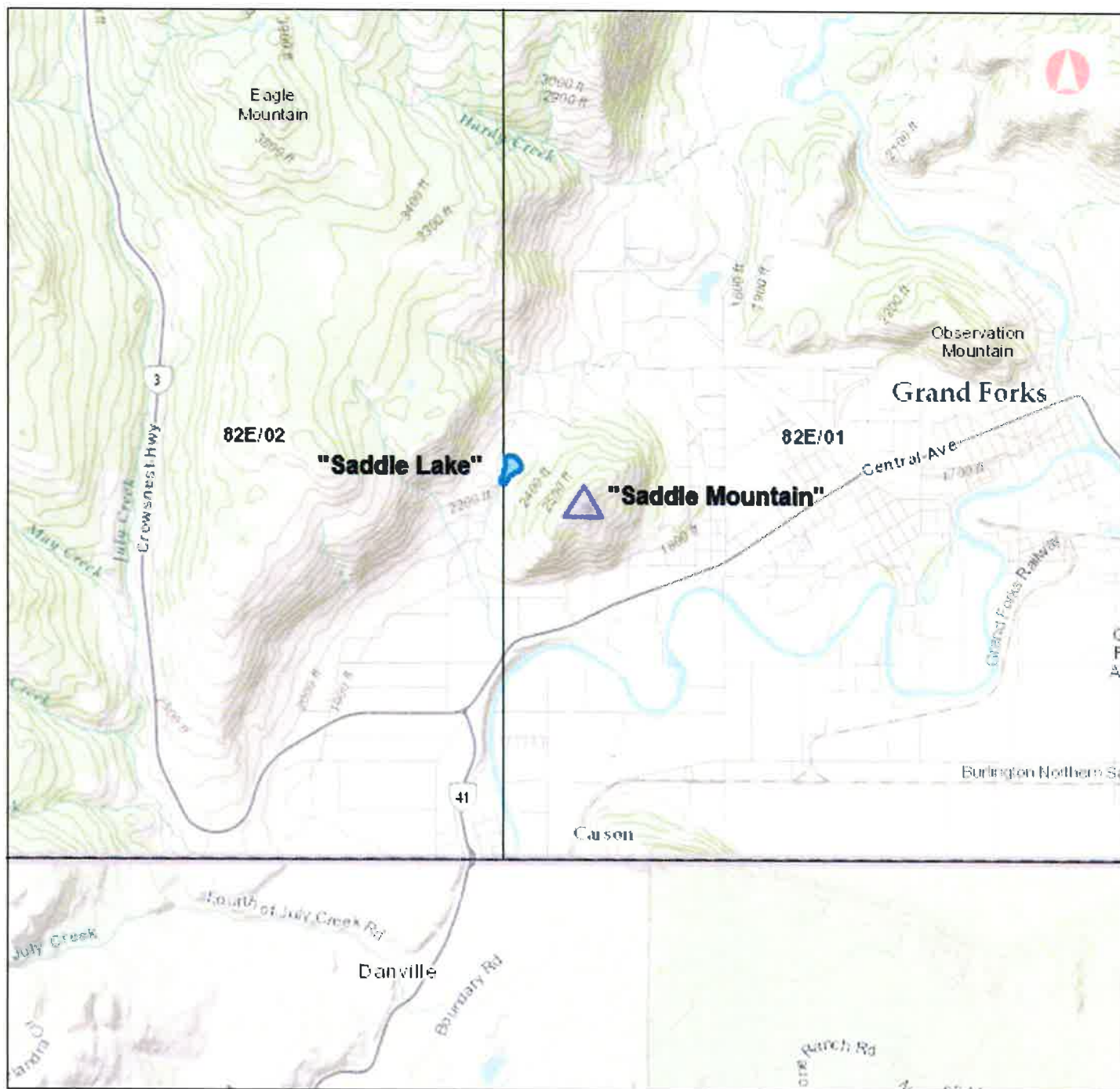
Thank you in advance for your comments. Your response before 16 July 2018 would be appreciated.

Kind regards,

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Proposal to adopt
m8 - Saddle mtn as
official name



Proposed Name

Legend

Feature

Associated Feature

Proposed name: **Saddle Mountain**
 Centre point: 49.02664,
 -118.49069
 NTS map: 82E/01



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Key Map of British Columbia

